

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/868,640

Examiner

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Art Unit

2166

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/2/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10-14, 16 [re-numbered as: 1-6].
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).


* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/5/05; 7/22/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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DETAILED ACTION

1. Examiner acknowledges applicant's "After Final Amendment" under 37 CFR 1.116 filed on 02 March 2006.
2. Claims 1-9,15,17-25 have been cancelled [02 March 2006].
3. Claims 1,10,15-19 have been amended [9/6/2005].
4. Claims 22-25 have been added [9/6/2005].
5. Claims 20-21 have been cancelled [9/6/2005].
6. In view of applicant's amendment to the claim 10, claim 10 is allowed, and claims 11-14 dependent from claim 10 is also allowed [11/28/2005].
7. Claims 1,15-19 have been amended [4/5/2005]
8. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 including fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114, a non-final office action was mailed on 06/06/2005
9. Examiner acknowledges applicant's amendment filed on 7/22/2004.
10. Claims 1,3-19 have been amended on 7/22/2004
11. Claims 20-21 have been cancelled on 7/22/2004.

Drawings

12. The drawings filed on 8/4/2002 are acceptable for examination purpose

Priority

13. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) based upon an application ***SI.No.# 2000-040844*** filed in Japan on ***2/18/2000***, SI.No.***11-312561***, filed on ***11/2/1999***.

Information Disclosure Statement

14. The supplemental information disclosure statement filed on 4/5/2005 comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), has been considered, a copy of each is herewith enclosed with this office action.

15. The supplemental information disclosure statement filed on 9/6/2005 comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), has been considered, a copy of each is herewith enclosed with previous office action.

REMARKS:

16. Examiner noted applicant's remarks at page 6-8 [02 Mar 2006], it is noted that the reference: **1999-0068557** has been submitted into the record without an English translation of its content or an associated English abstract. Therefore, the reference has only been considered to the extent that its drawings can be understood and numerical text can be understood.

Reasons for allowance

Claims **10-14, and 16** are allowed.


The newly cited reference WO 2005/038581 issued to Macinnes, Cathryn et al. is directed to three-dimensional interior design system, more specifically in a client server computing environment, a client is configured to accessing a server, and includes a client application configured for scene editing and rendering, using a graphical user interface, further a three-dimensional object selectively positioned within a 3D scene and being selectively displayed in a plurality of views [see Abstract, page 7-8, fig 4, fig 8].

The newly cited reference WO 2005/124584 issued to Adams, Michael, Shane is directed to virtual tours digital imaging of real estate properties, more specifically interactive virtual tour where the digital images may be modified to suit the viewer's choices, including furniture, adding or removing fixtures, landscaping and like [see Abstract, page 4, line 20-26]

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

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